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NOTICE CONCERNING AVAILABILITY OF WITNESS SHEW

Dow Jones & Company, Inc. ("Dow Jones") has filed testimony by Mr. William B. Shew (DJ-T-1) as its case-in-chief in the above-referenced proceeding. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the Commission as early as possible of Mr. Shew's availability for cross-examination only on Friday, February 27, 1998.

When Dow Jones retained Mr. Shew to testify, the hearings on Intervenor's cases-in-chief were scheduled for January 1998 and Mr. Shew would not have had a problem appearing at that time. However, several months before he agreed to testify in this proceeding, he had scheduled a family vacation for February 16-27, 1998, outside the United States, and he has already paid for most of it.

Of course, the hearings on Intervenor's cases-in-chief were subsequently postponed until February 17-27, 1998, which inadvertently conflicts with Mr. Shew's scheduled vacation. Mr. Shew has just been advised that he will be able to return on Thursday, February 26, 1998, rather than on Friday, February 27, as he had planned, and thus would be available for cross-examination on Friday, February 27.

Accordingly, this is to request that Mr. Shew's appearance for cross-examination, if any, be scheduled for Friday, February 27.

The Commission's consideration of this request is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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